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Samurai maintainers welcome new boss



photo by Staff Sgt. Karen J. Tomasik

Left, Col. Scott Goodwin, 374th Airlift Wing commander, hands over the 374th Maintenance Group guidon to Col. Michael Riddle during a ceremony here July 22.

Colonel brings worldwide experiences, perspective to group's mission in Pacific

By Staff Sgt. Karen J. Tomasik
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The 374th Airlift Wing Samurai welcomed Col. Michael Riddle as the new maintenance group commander July 22 during a ceremony at Hangar 15.

Colonel Riddle assumed command from Col. Michael Dillard, who will become the commander at 332nd Expeditionary Maintenance Group at a deployed location.

Colonel Riddle comes from Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., where he served as the commander of the 437th Maintenance Group, ensuring the maintenance readiness of C-17 Globemaster III aircraft. Prior to his assignment at Charleston AFB, Colonel Riddle was assigned as at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., as the Chief of the Commodities Division.

From July of 1996 through August 2000, he served as the 319th Maintenance Squadron commander, 319th Aircraft Generation Squadron commander and the deputy commander of the 319th Logistics Group at Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.

Col. Riddle's early career included assignments to Ramstein Air Base, Germany where he served as the Director of the 322nd Airlift Division Logistic Readiness Center, becoming the Officer in charge of Maintenance Control for the 608th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

He first moved to Charleston serving as the Maintenance Supervisor of the Component Repair Squadron and then EMS Maintenance Supervisor of the Aircraft Generation Squadron. From 1993 to 1996 Colonel Riddle was selected to serve as the Chief of C-141 Systems Maintenance Directorate of Logistics and Chief Executive Office Director of Logistics for Headquarters, Air Mobility Command at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

Colonel Riddle entered the Air Force in 1980 as a graduate of the Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of South Carolina where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Language, Writing and Drama. He also holds a Master of Arts Degree in Computer Resource Management from Webster University.

"Pam and I are excited to be in Japan since we haven't been in this part of the world before," said Colonel Riddle. "We are also looking forward to being a part of the incredible mission that this wing has."

As commander of the 374th Maintenance Group, he is responsible for providing direction to more than 600 personnel in the field of aircraft maintenance. He is accountable for 11 assigned C-130s, three C-21 and four UH-1N aircraft supporting intra-theater airlift, aeromedical evacuation and distinguished visitor transport to accomplish U.S. Pacific Command and Pacific Air Forces' taskings in the Asia-Pacific region.

PACAF vice commander talks present, future

General compliments servicemembers for professionalism, dedication to mission

By 1st Lt. Ben Alumbaugh
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Lt. General Victor Renuart, Jr., the vice commander of Pacific Air Forces and the commander of the Kenney Warfighting Headquarters recently gave his impressions of the present state of PACAF and some issues affecting the men and women in the command.

The transformation of the Air Force was one of the topics the

general addressed at his stop in Japan.

"We need to be looking into the future, not just three or four years, but five or 15 years," said General Renuart. "We need to make sure we are creating bases, communities and capabilities that can meet the future out there. We at PACAF are not just creating that vision but also the capabilities to get us there."

The general stated the most important element of the future is

the young men and women coming into the Air Force. The general said we have an obligation to ensure we create an understanding of the tradition of the Air Force, the culture of Airmen and how we treat one another and how we take care of one another in those men and women entering the Air Force.

"What has impressed me is our Airmen are as motivated, as professional, as enthusiastic I have ever seen in my career," said

the general. "I had a chance to visit with young transporters from Alaska and Yokota and what struck me is even though they had profound experiences while they were deployed, they were all eager to go back and do it again if asked and they understood the importance of the mission."

The general further stated Airmen are changing the face of the world and they should be proud of the job they do.

"We as leaders need to make sure at every opportunity we thank Airmen for the contribution they make," General Renuart said.

Another topic the general ad-

ressed was the role the Air Force plays in the Asia-Pacific region.

"If you look at the command from any measure: day to day readiness, the quality of our people, participation in Air Expeditionary Force rotations and certainly our performance while deployed, the men and women of PACAF are doing a superb job," General Renuart said. "It is a source of pride and optimism for the future."

The general stated the important part for PACAF will be how Airmen are trained to be a part of the AEF rotations for the foreseeable future and how Airmen deal with the stress of those rotations.

ORI countdown: 225 days

Tuck 'n' roll



photo by Master Sgt. Val Gempis

Airmen Jessica Johnson (foreground) and Michelle Graves inventory an expeditionary medical support pallet. The 374th Medical Group logistics Airmen here handle about \$24 million worth of medical war reserve materiel supplies and equipment for contingency operations.

New command chief settles in

By 1st Lt Ben Alumbaugh
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Chief Master Sgt. Cathy Barker became the new command chief master sergeant of the 374th Airlift Wing recently replaces Chief Master Sgt. Robert Wicks.

Chief Barker comes to Yokota from Hill Air Force Base, Utah and has hit the ground running here at Yokota.

As the command chief, Chief Barker is the advisor to the wing commander on all enlisted issues.

"Although I work directly for the wing commander, Col. Scott Goodwin," said Chief Barker. "I believe I also work for each member of Team Yokota."

Chief Barker was selected as Yokota's command chief shortly after arriving at Hill AFB, Utah;

where her husband is a first sergeant. Within days of her arriving at Hill AFB, Chief Barker was notified she would be taking over for Chief Wicks, who became the new command chief at the 36th Air Expeditionary Wing at Anderson AFB, Guam.

With a quick move to Yokota without her family, the chief had a lot to adjust to in a short amount of time.

"I'm still figuring this all out," said the chief. "I am really trying to get out and meet the enlisted men and women of Yokota. That is the only way I

can really do my job effectively."

"There are so many things I want to learn about and so many things we can make even better here at Yokota," said the chief. "My goal and a challenge to us all is to leave a place better than what you found it."

Chief Barker said being at Yokota helps keep her fired up because of the types of people here.

"When you go out there you can see the passion for

excellence the people here have," the chief said. "It's inspiring to see the fire in their eyes, it pumps me up."



photo by Airman 1st Class Ladonnis Crump

Chief Master Sgt. Cathy Barker

Coast Guard celebrates 215 years

Coast Guardsmen are celebrating 215 years of service Thursday.

The Activities Far East office located at U.S. Forces-Japan here will hold a cake-cutting ceremony in honor of the centuries of service that day in Bldg. 714.

It is a military, multi-mission, maritime service. Its mission is to protect the public, the environment, and U.S. economic interests in the nation's ports and waterways, along the coast, on international waters, or in any maritime region as required to support national security.

On an average day, the Coast Guard contributes to the safety and security of the nation by saving 10 lives, assisting 192 people in distress, protecting \$2.8

million in property, interdicting 14 illegal immigrants at sea, conducting 109 search and rescue cases, seizing \$9.6 million worth of illegal drugs, and responding to 20 oil and hazardous chemical spills.

The Coast Guard began in 1790 as the Revenue Cutter Service. The service gained its current name when the Revenue Cutter fleets joined the Lifesaving Service in 1915. The service was transferred from the Treasury Department to the Department of Transportation to its current place in the Department of Homeland Security.

For more information, call 225-8406.

(Courtesy of U.S. Coast Guard Activities Far East office)

Innovative techniques help Air Force meet manning goals: WASHINGTON – The Air Force deputy chief of staff for personnel told lawmakers July 19 the service would meet its end-strength requirement by the end of the fiscal year.

"End strength" is the limit set by Congress on the number of people the military can have on active duty. For the Air Force, that number is about 360,000.

The Air Force reduced its end strength by adjusting the shape and size of the force. Instead of separating Airmen who did not want to leave the service, officials adjusted the overall size of the Air Force by slowing down recruiting and shifting skills manpower.

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Air Force Reserve seeks applicants for full-time duty: WASHINGTON (AFPN) – Air Force Reserve officials are looking for officers and enlisted people to fill full-time Active Guard and Reserve positions.

In the past 15 years, the number of slots has increased from 400 to more than 1,900 authorizations.

Information about vacancies and application procedures, as well as more details on the program, is available on the AFRC Web site under job opportunities at <http://www.afrc.af.mil/>.

(Courtesy of AFRC News Service)

Panel adds bases for closure, realignment consideration: WASHINGTON (AFPN) – The 2005 Base Re-

alignment and Closure Commission voted to add several military installations, to a list for closure or realignment.

Senior Defense Department officials provided testimony before the commission regarding the merits of keeping open various military organizations.

Added to the list for consideration to close or realign included: Pope AFB; Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; Air Force Medical Command at Bolling AFB, D.C.; and Defense Finance and Accounting Service facilities at Buckley Annex, Colo.; Columbus, Ohio; and Indianapolis.

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Wing weather officer named ‘best in Air Force’

By Staff Sgt. Karen J. Tomasik
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

From the first day 1st Lt. Robert Branham joined the Air Force, 12 years ago as an enlisted weather warrior, he has strived to produce the best weather products possible.

This year, the lieutenant was honored with the 2004 Grisham Award as the best Company Grade Officer in Air Force Weather.

Lieutenant Branham started his weather career as an enlisted member of the Air National Guard.

“I had the opportunity to become the wing weather officer at Yokota and have been able to lead a

group of eight enlisted members providing weather data and forecasts for the airlift hub of the Western Pacific,” he said.

He was selected for his ability to lead and manage the weather flight and provide critical weather support to numerous missions.

“One of the defining moments (for me) this past year was during our Air Traffic Safety Evaluation Program,” he said. “We had a record 10 storms affecting the Kanto Plain and half of the weather flight members were deployed. At 45 percent manning, we were scored a 91 on the ATSEP and had two outstanding performers recog-

nized by the Pacific Air Forces inspection team.”

“In nearly 17 years in Air Force weather, Lieutenant Branham is one of the most knowledgeable, professional and dedicated officers in the field,” said Master Sgt. Richard Riter, weather flight noncommissioned officer-in-charge. “He understands what’s going on from both sides of the house and is truly dedicated to making Air Force weather better.”

“You have to be competitive and put forth a good effort,” explained Lieutenant Branham. “Volunteering in the community, making mistakes, learning from them and picking up from there are essential.”



photo by Staff Sgt. Karen J. Tomasik

First Lt. Robert Branham “talks shop” with forecasters one last time before departing for his next assignment at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas.

KidsDay kicks off with variety, fashion show

Families, children invited to watch, participate in annual celebration

By Airman 1st Class Katie Thomas
Editor

It’s all about youth the first weekend of August.

The base youth centers are joining more than 500,000 children and their families across the United States in celebrating

National KidsDay.

A culturally-themed variety and talent show will start the weekend Aug. 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Taiyo Recreation Center. Children and families are encouraged to show off a talent during the show, which can include playing a musical instrument to sharing special messages from parents to children, said

Bennie Luck, youth programs coordinator.

“We want the show to represent the different families and cultures that we have on base,” he explained.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service here will also sponsor a back-to-school fashion show during the event.

Children and families are invited to celebrate KidsDay Aug. 7 by traveling with the centers to the Saiyama Tanabata Festival.

“Families will be paired up with host Japanese families and they will show them around the festival area,” said Mr. Luck.

The celebration aims to encourage parents to spend meaningful time with their children, he said. “There are certain moments between a parent and child that can’t be replaced,” Mr. Luck explained. “Theses moments really make all the different in a kid’s life as they are growing up.”

Parents and children can visit <http://www.kidsday.net> for more information about how to spend meaningful time.

To sign up for the variety show or Tanabata Festival tour offered through the centers, contact the youth or teen centers.

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Defining a Great Legacy

By General Paul V. Hester
Commander, Pacific Air Forces

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Pacific Air Forces! On Aug 3, 1944, Far East Air Forces became part of the largest and most powerful military organization ever fielded by any country. Since that day 61 years ago, generations of remarkable Airmen and Air Force Civilians have stood watch over the western shores of the United States and the Asia-Pacific region.

While PACAF's origins are rooted in war ... the command's legacy ... YOUR legacy ... is founded on the patriotic spirit that swept our nation during WWII and the legion of men and women who have since served to preserve peace, and what we know as "the American way of life."

We can all be proud of PACAF's rich history and look forward to an exciting future. In years to come, PACAF bases will be home to new aircraft like the C-17, F/A-22 and Global Hawk. Our Airmen will continue to transform the way we command and control air and space forces, while taking a lead role promoting regional security through joint exercises and conferences with our Asian-Pacific partners. YOUR deeds ... deeds you perform so well today, will define PACAF's future and YOUR legacy.

As we mark more than six decades of service, America is proud to have every member of our PACAF family in her service. YOU are defining a GREAT legacy as part of the world's GREATEST Air Force! THANK YOU!

Get up, get out

Tama area offers hiking, biking trails to enthusiasts, base community members

By Lt. Col. Stew Smith
459th Airlift Squadron commander

What do you think most folks stationed here think when they hear the word "Tama?"

I would venture that a fair number of folks think of shooting 18 holes of golf. Others might think of horseback riding, camping, hiking, archery, paint ball or even a night away at the Tama Recreation Center Lodge.

While I do like getting away for a nice, quiet lunch or dinner at the lodge every now and then and my daughter loves the pony rides at the stable, I associate the word "Tama" first and foremost with the Tamagawa River, flowing from the mountains west of Ome, south past Fussa, and then east passing south of Yokota. The river empties into Tokyo Bay south of Haneda Airport. The river also boasts a well-maintained running and bicycle path starting just north of Fussa and going all the way to Haneda Airport about 25-30 miles one-way.

As an avid cyclist, having such a great resource so close at hand is wonderful. When I only have an hour or so, I'll do a couple of laps around base 6.8 miles each. But when the weekend or a holiday rolls around, some riding buds and I try to get together and go for a 30-40 mile trek, riding a bit past or up to the Tama

Recreation Area before turning around to come home.

To get to the river path, simply go west of the Fussa train station for about half a mile, then take a left just before the river. If you cross the river, you've gone too far. Although I would recommend using a mountain bike when riding off base to give you a few more options, the path is adequate for mountain and road bikes, alike. If you want to take the family and don't feel comfortable riding in the street or sidewalk, there are parking areas at many of the small parks and play areas located along the river path.

Cycling around Yokota is not limited to the river path. Just to the northeast of base, right up next to the Seibu Dome, are three dammed reservoirs surrounded by paths. That's my two-hour ride, about 27 miles. It offers some good dirt road riding through a scenic, forested area.

For a real workout, travel west into the mountains from Itsukaichi to Kazuma or Mt. Ootakesan. There's some great hill riding, although not for the faint-hearted. Once you get up into the hills, it's switchbacks, trout streams and cooler temperatures.

Don't be a couch potato! Get out and see Japan and meet the people. Remember to preflight your bike, always wear a helmet and log that workout in FitLinxx when you get back.



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Chief's Corner

By Chief Master Sgt. Greg Hartzell
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We should treat all personnel fair and equal. How many times have you heard this term applied to leadership?

As a young Airman, I was told to treat people fairly and equally when I became a supervisor.

However, when I started attending professional military education courses and reading the PFE, I was confronted with "situational leadership." This requires you to adapt your leadership style to fit the issue at hand and challenges the "equal" in the fair and equal standard. I began to formulate one of my own tenants of leadership: fair isn't always equal.

Air Force Instructions and policy provide the equality in our Air Force. They are the baseline by which we all must abide. Every Airman has the same opportunity for promotion, rules

for taking leave, assignment process and so forth. However, these don't take into consideration the human element.

We, as leaders, must consider the needs of the Air Force and the individual in each situation. It's the leader who injects fairness into the equation. Allow me to illustrate this in three different areas; exception to policy, discipline and personal privacy.

If we treated everyone equally, there'd be no need for exception to policy. Yet we have them to accommodate those circumstances when such exceptions clearly benefit both the Air Force and the Airman. Exception to policy acknowledges one size doesn't always fit all and gives leaders the flexibility to treat subordinates fairly. This fairness extends to the administration of discipline as well.

Administering discipline clearly fits the notion that "fair isn't equal." Discipline comes in

many forms and it should be applied in the minimum amount necessary to effect a change in behavior. Under non-judicial punishment, commanders are given several options from which to choose. They don't just pick things off the list like an a la carte menu. They carefully consider the situation, the Airman involved with input from the supervisor and first sergeant. Finally, they seek advice from the legal office to maintain parity across the base.

As a supervisor, you probably take similar steps but on a smaller scale. Sometimes unequal treatment is perceived as unfair treatment by members of a unit because they don't know the details. Mostly those details fall into my third area: personal privacy.

Out of respect for personal privacy, many details are not made public. Staff Sgt. Smith gets 37 days of leave approved just before a big inspection. Do

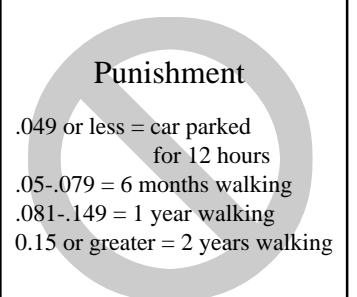
you need to know he's going through a messy custody battle and has to meet specific court dates in the states?

There's a lot we don't know simply because we're not directly involved. If you were Staff Sgt. Smith or someone who just received an Article 15, would you want all the details spelled out to members of the unit? We must respect personal privacy as we consider our decisions.

To treat everyone equally is to discount their individuality. I truly believe everyone wants their situation considered on its own merits and not just to be treated exactly like everyone else. Supervisors at all levels are charged with treating people fairly and we can do this effectively by keeping integrity first and respecting personal privacy. Our written instructions and policies set the basis for equality. I challenge you to treat subordinates fairly but, keep in mind, fair isn't always equal.

DUI Prevention

July 20 – July 26	0
Total DUIs in July	1
Total in 2005	6



*Don't
drink and drive.
Call 225-RIDE!*

High-tailin' it outta town



photo by Staff Sgt. Karen J. Tomasik

Above, Chief Master Sgt. Andre Greene, 374th Operations Group loadmaster, monitors Airman 1st Class Victor Reynosa, 36th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, as he secures cargo. The base conducted the first phase of an operational readiness exercise before weathering a typhoon which prompted the evacuation of five C-130 Hercules. Right top, 374th Logistics Readiness Squadron Airmen inspect an aerial bulk fuel delivery system here. Right middle, Airman Marlon Wells helps Airman Mitchell McCracken navigate a forklift at the marshalling yard. Right bottom, a Hercules from the 36th Airlift Squadron is loaded with equipment.



photo by Master Sgt. Val Gempis



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Off base

Showa Memorial Park fireworks: More than 5,000 fireworks will light up the sky Saturday. The celebration begins at 7 p.m.

Hacioji City fireworks: This event is held at the city's civic baseball field beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday and features 3,000 fireworks. It is located 15 minutes from the Nishi-Hacioji Station.

Hamura summer festival: Hamura City is hosting its annual celebration Saturday and Sunday from 3 to 8:30 p.m. The festival features games, dancing, food booths, a parade and more. It is located near the east exit of JR Hamura Station.

Fussa Tanabata Festival: Community members are invited to experience dancing, traditional food and more at this annual festival Aug. 4 through 7 in downtown Fussa. To volunteer to help carry a portable shrine, call 225-7338.

Bon Odori Festival: Camp Zama is hosting a traditional Japanese celebration August 6 from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. The event includes presentations from more than two dozen dance groups, a Taiko drum concert, ethnic foods and a fireworks display. Call 263-5995.

On base

Movies

Today – *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, PG, 7 p.m.; *Kicking & Screaming*, PG, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday – *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, PG, 2 p.m.; *Crash*, R, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday – *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, PG, 2 p.m.; *The Longest Yard*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

Monday – *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, PG, 7 p.m.

Tuesday – *Crash*, R, 7 p.m.

Wednesday – *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, PG, 7 p.m.

Thursday – *The Longest Yard*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

All movies and showtimes are subject to change without notice. Call 225-8708.

Enlisted calls

The 374th Airlift Wing commander is holding enlisted calls Tuesday. Shift workers should attend at 8 a.m.; senior non-commissioned-officers at 9 a.m.; NCOs from the mission support group and wing staff agencies at 10 a.m.; NCOs from the medical, maintenance and operations groups at 1 p.m.; airmen from the mission support group and wing staff agencies at 2 p.m.; and airmen from the medical, maintenance and operations groups at 3 p.m.

Outages

The following buildings will experience a power, cooling and hot water outage Aug. 10 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.: 1238-1240, 1243, 1245, 1247, 1249, 1265, 3050-3052, 3056-3078, 3301-3310, and 3321-3323. The Taiyo Recreation Center will experience a cooling outage Aug. 10 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The west housing area will experience a hot water outage Aug. 10 from 11 to 5 p.m. Call 225-7440.

Education

The University of Maryland University College begins Term I class sign-ups Monday through Aug. 12. Call 225-8922.

The University of Oklahoma is offering an on-site graduate program here. Application for admission is ongoing. Registration is 30 days prior to each class session. Classes are only one week long. Call 225-3869.

The University of Phoenix is offering management and education programs here. Students can complete an application free of charge for a limited time. Call 225-2496.

Central Texas College is holding registration for Term 1 Monday through Aug. 12. The term is Aug. 15 to Oct. 8. Call 225-9133.

Auditions

The Yokota Players* is holding auditions for the musical "Guys and Dolls" Aug. 12 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Aug. 14 from 5 to

8 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Callbacks will be held Aug. 17 from 6 to 9 p.m. E-mail michelledavidjapan@yahoo.com.

Mixed media

The arts and crafts center is hosting a mixed media for children age 8 to 15 from Monday to Aug. 5 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Youth create original artwork and learn art techniques. The cost is \$50 per child. Call 225-9044.

Sponsors needed

Yokota West Elementary School is seeking sponsors for its new teachers. People interested in becoming a sponsor can attend a meeting Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at the Officer's Club. E-mail jacob.dowdell@pac.dodea.edu or call 225-7611.

Flea market

The Yokota Enlisted Spouses Club* is hosting a flea market August 13 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. behind the Kanto Lodge. Community members can reserve a table for \$20 and additional tables at \$5 each. E-mail escfundraiser@yahoo.com or call 227-3373.

Youth tours

The base youth center is hosting tours to Yomiuriland Amusement and Water Park August 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Fujikyu Highland August 26 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 225-6397 or 225-7422.

Rock show

The Enlisted Club is bringing rock bands Chick Magnets and Zen to its stage Saturday beginning at 8 p.m. in the Spectrum Lounge. The show is free to members. Call 227-8820.

Auto Skills

The Auto Skills Center offers interior cleaning packages, tint work, air conditioning recharging, waterproofing, maintenance classes and more. Call 225-7623.

The center also offers junking

Samurai Warrior



of the Week



2nd Lt. Stephen Humphreys

Second Lt. Stephen Humphreys, 374th Maintenance Operations Squadron, is this week's Samurai Warrior of the Week for exhibiting the Bushido quality of politeness and respect for etiquette.

He arranged the flawless return of 52 maintenance group AEF deployers and ensured the members and their weapons arrived safely back to base. He led three highly successful group readiness day training sessions that instructed 380 maintenance warriors on war-time skills. He authored the wing change-of-command program and script, and volunteered and sold concessions at the Yokota High School track meet which benefited base organizations.

(The lieutenant extends his thanks to Master Sgt. Michael Hood and Tech. Sgt. Chris Conwell, pictured above, and Master Sgt. Vernon Blackellar, Tech. Sgt. David Harvey, and Tech. Sgt. Francis Glave.)

services. The cost is \$80 per vehicle in addition to a recycling fee. It is open Tuesday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Wednesday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Honor Guard

The base honor guard is holding a seminar Aug. 22 through 26 from 5 to 6 p.m. in the bottom of Tower 2000. Officer and enlisted servicemembers interested in joining the guard are encouraged to attend the seminar. E-mail yokota.honorguard@yokota.af.mil.

Coloring contest

The base commissary is hosting a coloring contest for students in kindergarten to fifth grade. Entry forms can be picked up at the commissary's ID desk. The deadline is July 31 at 7 p.m.

Chapel events

The 374th Airlift Wing Chapel and Faith Christian Fellowship* is hosting a "Young Soldiers for

Christ" seminar featuring topics such as Hip Hop and other youth topics. The seminar is Aug. 6 beginning at 9 a.m. at the East Chapel. Call 225-7009.

Chapel Schedule

Traditional (West) Chapel
Catholic: Mass, Sundays at 9:15 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Protestant: Traditional service, Sundays at 11 a.m.; Liturgical/Lutheran service Sundays at 6:30 p.m.; Korean service, Sundays at 2 p.m.

Contemporary (East) Chapel

Protestant: Gospel service, Sundays at 11 a.m.; Contemporary service, Sundays at 5 p.m.

Call 225-7009 for more information.

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“Quotes” & Things

“A really bad [hamstring pull] never heals for a long time.”

John Madden

Harlem Globetrotters: Two members of the world-famous team visit the Yokota Community Center Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. Communities members can meet the players, get autographs and receive t-shirts. Japanese-American rapper Chris will also perform.

Cheerleading: A cheerleading camp is at the Taiyo Recreation Center Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is \$10 per child. E-mail shannonmfallis@yahoo.com or call 227-4311 to reserve a place.

Outdoor Rec: The Outdoor Recreation Center is hosting the following trips: family trip to Shinrin Koen Forest Park August 3; wakeboard trip to Lake Yamanaka August 6; downhill mountain biking at Fujimi Panorama August 17. Call 225-4552.

Soccer: A soccer skills evaluation is being held at Darling Field Aug. 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. for players age nine to 10, Aug. 9 from 5 to 7 p.m. for ages 11 to 12, and Aug. 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. for ages 13 to 15. Call 225-7021.

Yoga: The main fitness center hosts yoga classes Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 7 a.m., Mondays through Thursdays from 5 to 6 p.m., and the first and third Saturday of each month from 10 to 11 a.m. Call 225-6133.

Golf: The 374th Services Division is hosting golf lessons for adults and children. Sessions are held every week through August 19. The cost is \$99 for adults and \$65 for children. Call 225-8815.

United FC finishes season strong

Team takes 6 victories, 12 goals, enjoys representing base, AF

The Yokota United FC successfully completed their first season in Tokyo's Metropolis League (TML), finishing second to Kwangsei GFC in the Second Division.

Placing runner-up ensured the team promotion to the top flight when the new season begins in September.

In eleven matches, Yokota captured 6 victories, 3 draws, and only 2 defeats. They finished with 24 goals for and 15 goals against.

“I’m very proud of this lot,” said Jason Leonardis, team manager and coach. “It’s quite an accomplishment given all that’s happened throughout that past year or so, with people leaving because of a PCS or going TDY, you know? It was very challenging at times, but to be honest with you, I wouldn’t have it any other way.”

Leonardis also said his proudest moment was seeing

the team create an environment for all members to complete.

“In the last league we played in, they wouldn’t allow women to play in official competitions,” he explained. “We have a few ladies on the team and as far as I’m concerned, they’ve earned their place to play along side the men. The TML was very supportive of that fact which I think is awesome.”

Elizabeth Welliver became the first female to play in Tokyo’s premier soccer league.

The Yokota United team competed against a number of clubs from different nations of the globe, further ensuring a sense of community through sport.

“A number of the teams were not only Japanese, but there were the British, French, Swiss, and Dutch sides as well just to name a few,” Leonardis pointed out. “It was always



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The 2005 Yokota United FC team with the Tokyo Metropolis League is: (front row, left to right) Jason Leonardis, Calvin Warner, “The Rock” Taka, Alex Sernarojas, Timothy Smith and Elizabeth Welliver, and (back row, left to right) Vencot “Gee” Brown, Vincent Zabala, Robert Kielty, Fitz Jaeger, Timothy Fearney and Russell Granby.

great to go out there, play 90 minutes, kicking each other in the shins and then after the match, in the spirit of friendship, say ‘good game’ and share a few stories with each other on what happened and what could have been. It’s what sport should be about.

“Our philosophy was we were not only representing

Yokota Air Base and the Air Force, but the United States as well,” he said.

Visit <http://www.metropolis-league.com> for more information about the TML.

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Intramural golf rack-n-stack

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct	Streak	RF	RA	GB
730 AMS	4	0	0	1.000	Won 4	23	1	—
CS	2	0	1	.833		15	4	1.0
LRS	2	1	0	.667	Won 2	13	6	1.5
A CES	1	1	1	.500		13	9	2.0
STARS & STRIPES	2	2	0	.500	Won 1	12	15	2.0
AFN	1	1	1	.500	Lost-1	11	8	2.0
SVS	0	0	3	.500		9	9	2.0
MDG	1	1	1	.500		9	10	2.0
MOS	1	1	1	.500	Won 1	7	12	2.0
DSRJ	1	1	0	.500	Lost-1	6	6	2.0
OPS GROUP	1	1	0	.500	Lost-1	6	7	2.0
DFAS/CPTS	1	2	0	.333	Won 1	7	11	2.5
SFS	0	1	2	.333	Lost-1	6	12	2.5
MXS	0	2	0	.000	Lost-2	2	11	3.0
DET 2 PACAF	0	3	0	.000	Lost-3	0	18	3.5

Upcoming meets ...

⇒ Thursday at Tama Golf
A CES at DET 2 PACAF
MOS at MDG
Stars & Stripes at SVS
DSRJ at LRS
DFAS/CPTS at 730 AMS
SFS at MXS
OPS GROUP at AFN
⇒ Aug. 11 at Tama Golf
LRS at OPS GROUP
AFN at STARS & STRIPES
MXS at MOS
CS at DFAS/CPTS
DET 2 PACAF at DSRJ
730 AMS at SFS
MDG at A CES

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